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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Corps Support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

1. Purpose. Provide an overview of the Honolulu District support FEMA in disaster response.

2. Points of Major Interest and Facts: The Federal Response Plan (FRP) provides the framework for the implementation of federal assistance in disasters. The FRP aligns various federal agencies in to 13 Emergency Support Functions or ESFs and establishes a lead for each ESF. The Corps is the lead for ESF #3, Engineering and Public Works. The Defense Coordinating Officer (DCO) is the DOD representative. DOD is not an ESF but provides support to all other ESFs. Each ESF may task others ESFs for appropriate support.

a. The Regional Operations Center (ROC) is activated by FEMA Associate Director and is staffed by FEMA and those ESFs it deems appropriate for the particular response. Typically, the Corps is tasked to support the ROC with an ESF #3 Team Leader (ESF #3 TL) and a logistician, and activate the logistics Management Planning and Response Team (LM PRT). The ROC will usually initiate the initial taskings to the Corps. These taskings, called Request For Assistance (RFA), and contain a mission scope, time for completion and funding source. In conjunction with the affected state FEMA establishes a Disaster Field Office (DFO). Once the Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO - in charge of the entire federal response) is designated and the DFO is established, FEMA transfers tasking authority from the ROC to the DFO and the ROC closes.

b. The DFO is the central federal hub for response. Usually the Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR - in charge of the entire state response) is co-located with the FCO in the DFO. A DFO may remain open 6 months to 2 years.

c. The Division Forward. The Division Forward Commander (DFC) has overall responsibility for the Corps accomplishing FEMA assigned missions. The DFC commands the ERRO.

d. The ESF #3 team works for the Director of Civil Works (DCW) and is responsible for scoping all FEMA missions assigned to the Corps, task the ERRO to execute missions, and coordinate among the other state and federal agencies in the response. The ESF #3 team is composed of a team leader, assistant team leader, administrative assistant and Action Officers/representatives from each mission PRT.

e. The ERRO is a mini-District. It has the full capability to execute any FEMA assigned mission (in the Honolulu CDRP, day-to-day work will be executed until POH is reconstituted). Key staff to manage the response will come from a single District (POH will provide key staff for an Anchorage earthquake and POA will provide key staff for a Honolulu typhoon). The key staff is augmented by various Planning and Response Teams (PRT) from across the Corps. Available Mission PRTs include: Water, Ice, Power, Debris, Temporary Roofing, Temporary Housing, Structural Safety, and Emergency Access. Available functional PRTs or cadres include: Public Affairs, Real Estate, Resource Management, Human Resources, Logistics, Safety, Audit, Contracting, and Information Management. Additional resources are available through Corps-wide recruitment (typically Quality Assurance inspectors).